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FSSAI sets new laboratory testing procedures for imported food

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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

Introduction: On August 21, 2012, the Food Safety and Standards Authority (FSSAI) of India published new guidelines for laboratory testing of imported food in line with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011. The guidelines establish approved methodologies and chemical testing parameters for food products regulated by the Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011.

The new guidelines, developed in consultation with the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) in Mysore, have been sent to all authorized food laboratories (including reference laboratories) in India. As the new guidelines are effective immediately, the FSSAI hopes to encourage greater harmonization in the testing procedures for imported food products.

The following products are covered by the new FSSAI guidelines -

S. No	Category	Items
1	Milk and milk products	Processed Baby Food Milk Powder, Cheese
2	Fat oils and fats	Crude Palm oil, Crude Sunflower oil, Rapeseed oil (mustard oil), Rapeseed Oil (mustard oil) low erucic acid, Crude Degummed Soyabean Oil, RBD Pamoline, Olive Oil
3	Fresh fruits and vegetables	All fresh fruits
4	Sugar	Raw Sugar
5	All fish and fish products	Fish & Fish products
6	Meat and meat products	Frozen Meat, Canned Meat
7	Dry fruits	Almond
8	Nuts & raisins	Cashew, Nuts/Raw, Raisins
9	Poppy seeds	Poppy seeds
10	Cereals & pulses	Black Matpe/Green Peas/Chick Peas/Toor or Pigeon Pea //Red Lentils
11	Salt & spices inclusive dry fruits nuts/betel nuts/ curry powder/	Saffron, Split cassia, Cloves, Mace, Garlic Powder
12	Additives	Ammonium bicarbonate INS 503 (ii), Phosphoric Acid INS 338, Monosodium Glutamate, Penta cake, Enzyme
13	Thermally processed fruits & vegetables products	Tomato paste/ Tomato powder, Tomato sauce
14	Thermally processed fruits & vegetables products / fruit juice	Grape Juice
15	Fruit drinks	Fresh Mango Fruit Drink, Concentrated Fruit/Vegetable juice (Juice Concentrate)
16	Sweets & confectioneries inclusive chewing gum	Chewing Gum, Jelly Candy Drops/Fox Blackcurrant Tin

17	Bakery products	Food Aid Biscuits
18	Fruits & vegetables product	Dates
19	Beverages	Instant Coffee, Indian Black Tea
20	Proprietary food	Fruit infusion Orange spice, Koka Instant Noodles, Porridge Mix, Seasoning powder
21	Thermally processed vegetables products (canned vegetables)	Ice Cool Baby Corn(whole) (canned) , Mushroom
22	Flavoring substances	Mix orange flavour
23	Macaroni products	Pasta
24	Not described	Pop corn
25	Vegetable products/ canned vegetables	Frozen Vegetable
26	Sweetening agent	Honey
27	Beverages	Alcoholic, Non alcoholic
28	Dehydrated fruits & vegetables products	Onion, Seasoning powder
29	Processed vegetables	Olives in Brine
30	Flavoring agents	Flavour granules
31	Cereals & cereal products	Wheat flour, Papad
32	Culinary pastes & other sauces(other than tomato and soya)	Other sauces
33	Carbonated beverages/sweetened carbonated beverages	Sweetened Carbonated Beverage
34	Seasoning powder	Dried Ginger powder

The complete order is available on FSSAI's website and can directly be accessed at [http://fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Final_Lab_Parameters\(21-08-2012\).pdf](http://fssai.gov.in/Portals/0/Pdf/Final_Lab_Parameters(21-08-2012).pdf)